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BY COURIER

Mr. Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 "K" Street, N.W. 7th Floor Reception Desk Washington, DC 20423

Re: Government of the Territory of Guam v. Sea-Land Service, Inc., and Matson Navigation Company, Inc., STB Docket No. WCC-101

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed are an original and 10 copies of "Motion for Extension of Time for Oral Agrument" in the above-referenced proceeding.

If you have any questions regarding this document, please don't hesitate to call me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Part of Public Record Sincerely,

Mary Eya Candon, Esq.

Counsel or Complainant

Government of the Territory

of Guam

Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record



BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

GOVERNMENT OF THE TERRITOR	RY)	
OF GUAM,,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
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v.)	DOCKET NO. WCC-101
)	
SEA-LAND SERVICES, INC. and)	
MATSON NAVIGATION)	
COMPANY, INC.,)	
)	
DEFENDANTS.)	

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Complainant, the Government of Guam, hereby moves for an extension of time for oral argument in this proceeding. Oral argument is currently set for November 10, 2004.

Complainant seeks an extension of time of 6 months or until May 10, 2005.

Complainant respectfully advises that this request for extension of time is made necessary for compelling practical reasons. This complex proceeding was filed six years ago during different administrations both in Guam and at the Surface Transportation Board. Complainant requests more time to allow the new administration in Guam to become familiar with the many and complex issues of this 6-year proceeding. Further, this proceeding is the first matter involving maritime issues to come before the Surface Transportation Board. Such a case of first impression demands a broader, more complex but succinct oral argument than that based on precedent. In addition, communication with, and travel to and from, Guam is difficult and time-

consuming given its location in the western Pacific, making preparation for oral argument with three weeks notice a practical impossibility for a new administration. Finally, the new administration in Guam is willing to explore settlement options with Defendants and an extension of time would allow such settlement discussions to be explored.

For these reasons, and with utmost respect and gratitude to the Surface Transportation Board for calling for oral argument, Complainant requests an extension of time to prepare for oral argument.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 26, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have, this 26th day of October, 2004, caused a copy of the foregoing

"Motion for Extension of Time for Oral Argument" document to be served upon the chief

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